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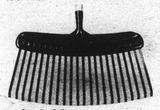

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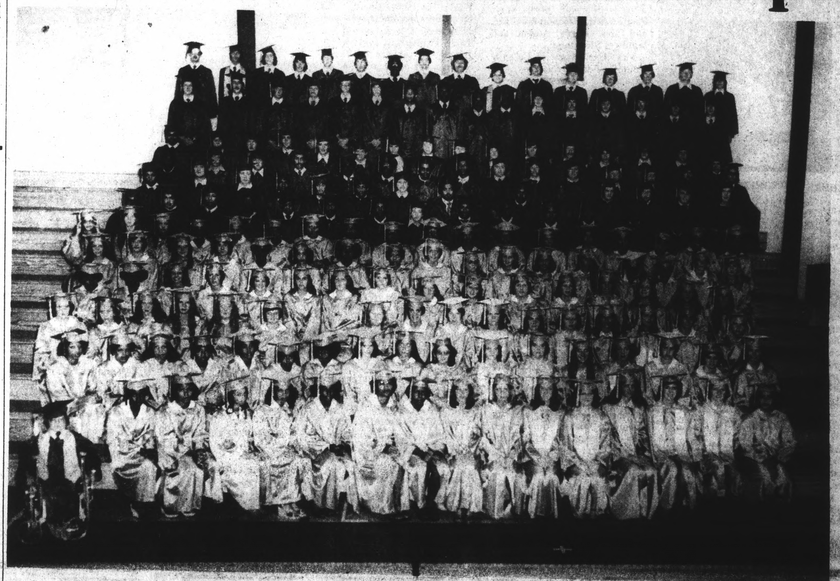
# ACHS To Award 199 Diplomas



*Appomattox County High School - Class of 1977*

photo by Shearer Robertson

## Commencement Exercises Set For Friday Night

Commencement exercises for the 199 graduating seniors at Appomattox County High School will be held on Friday evening, June 10, 1977 at 8:00 p.m. at the stadium at Appomattox Middle School. In case of inclement weather, exercises will be held in the auditorium at Appomattox County High School.

A Baccalaureate Service was held Sunday evening, June 5th at 8:00 p.m. at the Appomattox County High School auditorium for the Senior Class and their guests.

The Invocation was given by the Rev. Thomas E. Jackson. Rev. H. Doyle Chauncey, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon and Rev. R. Q. Lawing gave the Benediction.

Mr. Donald Armentrout, principal at Appomattox County High School; Mr. John McLean, Assistant Principal; and Henry Battle, a class sponsor and teacher, will award the diplomas to the graduating seniors, the largest class in history of the school.

Class speakers will be Susan Rosser, Valedictorian, and Karen Carter, Salutatorian. Miss Rosser will speak on "When The Beach Exceeds The Goal" and Miss Carter will have her talk on "Changing With Confidence and Care."

Robin Tomlin, class president will give the welcome address and will introduce Dr. H. I. Willett, Jr., President of Longwood College in Farmville, guest speaker for the evening.

The Fanfare and Processional and the Fanfare and Recessional will be played by the Appomattox County High School Band under the direction of Mr. Frank Coffey.

The Rev. Harrison Kelso will give the Invocation and the Rev. Edward F. Leonard, Jr., pastor of Memorial United Methodist Church will give the Benediction.

Class Officers are Robin Tomlin, president; Teresa Harris, vice-president; Gail Moore, Secretary; Russell Gunter, treasurer; Susan Rosser, reporter; Vickie Thomas, parliamentarian; Beth Jones, historian; and Teresa Cyrus, chaplin.

Motto for the Class of 1977 is "No goal is too high if you climb with confidence and care." Class colors are blue and gray. Class sponsors are Mrs. Harriette Beasley, Mr. John McLean, Mr. Henry Battle, and Mr. Donald Armentrout.

This year, as in the past, senior girls will wear caps and gowns of gray and senior boys will wear caps and gowns of blue, the school colors.

Names of the members of the graduating class can be found over the top of the Community Page of this issue of the TIMES-VIRGINIAN.

## Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

Winding up the 1976-77 school session, large graduating classes are facing the question, "What's Next?" One immediate suggestion is to frame that diploma and hang it on the wall. I came across report cards from my first, second and third years in grade school. Was graded on just four subjects, Spelling, Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. Wow, ranged from 95 to 99. Short terms in those days, Oct. 6 to April; no buses, no cafeterias but concentration on basic studies. Schools have come a great way and opportunities are unlimited. A happy and useful vacation period ahead.

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We are never far from Nature and its creatures. Just swatted an uninvited wasp in my living room, came face to face with a baby owl in my yard and saw a dead opossum in the middle of Church Street.

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In the Old Testament Book of Jeremiah, chap. 4 verse 3 the good prophet tells us to "sow not among thorns." No mention is made of honeysuckle and morning glories. Only mention of "Weeds" I have found in The Bible is in Jonah 2:5. On Martha Street, I am resident morning glory plucker.

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What a thrill the some 900 people on delightful Tangier Island out in the Chesapeake Bay will be having. A small circus is making a visit and bringing a live elephant, the first ever.

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June 19 is Father's Day. Say a good word for Dear Old Dad.

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There is no contest this election year as to who is the sorriest gardener, for I claim that designation, nolo contendere. But turn it around and ask who is our best gardener and there are many candidates. I have been invited down to see the fine garden of our publisher, W. Lloyd Vaughan and it will be a privilege to check on that. Over the week-end got to see the excellent garden of Bro. R. H. Walton, located on the edge of town. Bro. Walton is now retired after a splendid career of twenty-nine years, 8 months, with Craddock-Terry and the State. He and Mrs. Walton have a fine home and his hobby is gardening. Perfectly cultivated and proof that hard work pays off. Cukes, beets, peppers, cantaloupes, etc., but tomatoes are the feature. He has 190 tomato plants and, yes sir, I came home with a vine-picked ripe Big Boy tomato, which Brightleaf and I enjoyed for Sunday dinner. Also has Big Early and Better Boy tomatoes. The cukes are climbing from a bisected oil drum filled with rich soil. Ah yes, I am sure there are good gardens all over and I never tire of seeing what can be done by folks who love the outdoors and like vegetables and flowers.

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Not everything is hunky-dory, however. I have rarely seen so many gnats. They are pests and difficult to get shed of and my garden and yards appears to be gnat headquarters. Any suggestions?

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Some of us could be a help to the post office department if we would check on the mailing lists which have us down twice. Thing to do is to notify the source of the mail.

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There are 293 National Park Service superintendents. Appomattox has always been fortunate to have excellent superintendents at our local National Park. We hope visitation will set records this year.

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Court Street is really receiving repair and renovation job and we will be proud when its new look is completed.

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Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

## Democratic Primary Set For Tuesday

The Democratic Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 1977 to elect a Democratic candidate for the office of Governor of the State of Virginia, a Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and a Member of the House of Delegates.

Polls will open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

## Receives Mozella J. Price Scholarship

Harold Lewis Martin, Jr. is the recipient of the Mozella J. Price Scholarship of $150.00 for exhibiting a sincere desire for higher education and a desire to help others.

Lewis has been active in FFA, the Varsity Club, The Varsity football team and the track team during his years at Appomattox County High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin of Appomattox. This fall Lewis will enter Ferrum College.

## School Board Asked To Change Administration Of County Library

Members of Friends of the Library appeared before the Appomattox County School Board at their meeting Monday afternoon to request a change in the administration of the Appomattox County Library from the present arrangement under the School Board to a public library trustee board directed by the Board of Supervisors.

Ronnie Spiggle spoke for the group and emphasized that under the suggested change in administration the county would receive approximately $3400 in state funds if local expenditures amounted to as much as $24,000. He also stated that additional services and materials are needed to be offered from the county library.

Two years ago the School Board appointed a county library advisory board. It was suggested that this board meet and formulate improvements needed in the county library to be presented to the School Board at a future meeting.

Board Chairman, Dr. A. A. Fratrick, expressed appreciation to the Friends of the Library for their interest and support and assured those present that the Board would continue to study their recommendations.

Continued as an item of business from the May Board meeting was institutional insurance on school property and workmen's compensation. Bids were received at the May meeting from four companies.

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## Scholarships Awarded To ACHS Seniors

**JANE RUSSELL COVINGTON** - daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell G. Covington of Pamplin, is the recipient of the $1,000 Craddock-Terry Foundation, Inc. Scholarship. Jane plans to attend Lynchburg College this fall to major in pre-nursing. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the Future business Leaders of America. She has been a member of the Future Homemakers of America, the Latin

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**JOSEPH MICHAEL FORD** - is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Ford, of Route 2, Appomattox. He is the recipient of the S & H Foundation Merchant Scholarship of $800. This award is based on academic achievement and is renewable for an additional three years. Joseph has been in numerous activities throughout high school; namely the National Honor Society, President of the Community 4-H Club, President of the

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**WANDA GAIL MOORE**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Moore of Route 2, Concord, has been awarded an academic scholarship of $700 to the University of Virginia. This scholarship is based on scholastic achievement and is renewable. Gail will enter the University of Virginia in the Fall and plans to major in mathematics. Extra-curricular activities have included membership in the National Honor

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**KAREN EVE LIVELY** - is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lively of Route 1, Concord. She has been awarded a $400 scholarship from the March of Dimes. This scholarship is awarded to worthy seniors who plan a career in nursing. Karen plans to enter the Lynchburg General Hospital School of Nursing. Her career goal is to become a registered nurse. Karen has been a member of the National Honor Society, the Yearbook staff, Spanish Club, Safety Patr.

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## Combined 96 Years Experience in Education

Three retiring teachers of the Appomattox Primary School were recently honored at a reception on May 30, 1977. Former colleagues from the past 39 years to the present were invited to share in the festivities filled with esteem for these three highly respected teachers.

Pictured from left to right are Mrs. Sallie Martin, who has completed 30 years of service; Mrs. Lou Rogers, who has completed 39 years of service in Appomattox County; and Mrs. Ella Gordon, who has completed 27 years of service. Truly, children entrusted in their care have grown, for the better.

"Thousands of little boys and
Girls have passed their way,
And are now playing important roles
In the world today."

**DIEDRE ANN TWEEDY** - the daughter of Clifton W. Tweedy of Route 1, Appomattox is the recipient of an academic honor scholarship of $500, granted by Norfolk State college for having a 3.0 average or better during her high school studies. This scholarship is renewable. She also received the Mozella J. Price Scholarship of $150 for her academic achievements. The recipient of this scholarship must exhibit a sincere desire for higher

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**DAWN RENEE RUSH** - daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rush of Appomattox, is the recipient of the March of Dimes Scholarship for $400. She will enter Longwood College in the fall major in pre-nursing. Her educational goal is to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. Dawn has participated in numerous extra-curricular activities. She has been a member of the National Honor Society, Secretary of the Student Council, President of Tri-Hi-Y,

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**TERESA LEE HARRIS** - daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Harris, of Route 4, Appomattox, has been awarded the Longwood College Alumni Textbook Scholarship of $200. This scholarship is awarded on the basis of scholastic ability and character. Teresa has held the office of secretary of the Future Homemakers of America, vice-president of the National Honor Society, co-captain of the tennis team, and has been a member of the

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## "CHUCK" STANLEY TO SPEAK TO LIONS

The Lions Club of Appomattox will meet Thursday night, tonight, June 9th at 6:45 p.m. at Maudes Restaurant.

W. C. "Chuck" Stanley, Superintendent of State Forests, will be guest speaker for the evening. His topic will be "The Economic and Environmental Value of The State Forests To Appomattox County and Virginia" and slides will be used in his presentation.

Stanley was born and raised in Bessemer, Pennsylvania and received his B. S. in Forestry in 1954 from the West Virginia University. He served in the U. S. Army with the Signal Corps from 1954 to 1956. He joined the Virginia Division of Forestry in 1956 and became Superintendent of State Forests in 1968.

He is married to the former Joanne Phillips of Morgantown, West Virginia & they are the parents of four children and one grandchild.

"Chuck" is a member of the Society of American Foresters, Virginia Forest Association, Ruritan National, and a past member of the Jaycees.

Every member will want to be present to hear this interesting and informative talk.

**ALL READY FOR THE QUILTING PARTY**

Little Miss Mary Helen McLaughlin is helping her grandmother, Mrs. C. E. McLaughlin, Jr. get ready for "Ye Old Fashioned Quilting Party." This event, sponsored by the Appomattox County Extension Homemakers will be held on June 11 (1-5 p.m.) and June 13 (2-5 p.m.) in the Appomattox County High School Cafeteria. If you are interested in entering quilts or quilt tops, these must be brought to the cafeteria between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

The beautiful handmade quilts shown above were made by the late Mrs. C. E. McLaughlin, Sr.